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Algebra II Delta & Eta

Exponential Functions Unit III 2<sup>nd</sup> half  
Quiz 1 Practice  
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1. Given an exponential function  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , what are the values that  $b$  can never be, i.e. what are the restrictions on  $b$ ?

$$b \neq 0 \quad b \neq 1 \quad b \neq \text{negative}$$

2. A zombie bacteria strain will double in size every 15 minutes. If a person is infected with 30 bacteria and it takes about 122,880 bacteria for a person to become a zombie, how long will it take for a person to mutate into a zombie? Write a formula to represent this.

$$f(x) = 30(2)^x$$

$$122880 = 30(2)^x$$

$$f(12) = 30(2)^{12} = 122880$$

we double 12 times  
12 15-minute periods  
is 180 minutes or 3 hours

Try different powers for  $x$   
until you discover 12 works

3. Determine an equation for the exponential function  $f(x) = a(b)^x$  with ordered pairs  $(0, 6)$  &  $(1, 3)$

$$f(x) = 6(b)^x$$

$$3 = 6(b)^1$$

$$3 = 6 \cdot b$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \longrightarrow f(x) = 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

4. A radioactive isotope decays in such a way that after every 5,000 years has passed, there remains one-half of the isotope. If there are initially 2,240 grams of the isotope, then how many grams will be present after 40,000 years?

$$f(x) = 2240\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

40,000 years is 8 5,000 periods

$$f(8) = 2240\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 = 8.75 \text{ grams}$$

5. Determine an equation for the exponential function  $f(x) = a(b)^x$  with ordered pairs  $(1, 3)$  &  $(2, 6)$

going from  $(1, 3)$  to  $(2, 6)$  involves multiplying 3 by 2

$$\text{Therefore } f(x) = a(2)^x$$

$$\text{using } (1, 3) \quad f(x) = a(2)^x \text{ becomes } 3 = a(2)^1 \quad a = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{2}(2)^x$$

6. During a free fall, a skydiver falls 16 feet in the first second, 48 feet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> second, and 80 feet in the third second. If she continues to fall at this rate, how many feet will she fall during the 9<sup>th</sup> second?

Add 32 feet each second

16, 48, 80, 112, 144, 176, 208, 240, 272

she falls 272 feet during the 9<sup>th</sup> second.

7. Determine an equation for the exponential function  $f(x) = a(b)^x$  with ordered pairs ~~(2, 16)~~ (1, 32) & (6, 1)

X	Y
0	64
1	32
2	16
3	8
4	4
5	2
6	1

Trial & error:  $32(\frac{1}{2}) = 16$   $16(\frac{1}{2}) = 8$

$8(\frac{1}{2}) = 4$   $4(\frac{1}{2}) = 2$   $2(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$

work in reverse to find (0, 64)

$$f(x) = 64\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

8. During a free fall, a skydiver falls 16 feet in the first second, 48 feet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> second, and 80 feet in the third second. If she continues to fall at this rate, how many feet will she fall during the first nine seconds?

Refer to # 6 above

$$16 + 48 + 80 + 112 + 144 + 176 + 208 + 240 + 272 = 1,296 \text{ feet}$$

9. Does the sequence  $100, 20, 4, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{4}{25}, \dots$  represent an exponential function? If so, explain why and then determine an equation for the function.

$$100\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = 20 \quad 20\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = 4 \quad 4\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{5} \quad \frac{4}{5}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{25} \text{ etc...}$$

the common multiplier or base is  $b = \frac{1}{5}$ , therefore,

yes the sequence represents an exponential function.

10. Determine an equation for the exponential function  $f(x) = a(b)^x$  with ordered pairs ~~(3, 10)~~ (1, 1000) &  $\left(5, \frac{1}{10}\right)$

$$\& \left(5, \frac{1}{10}\right)$$

X	Y
0	10000
1	1000
2	100
3	10
4	1
5	$\frac{1}{10}$
6	$\frac{1}{100}$

it looks like the base  $b$  might be  $\frac{1}{10}$

working in reverse gives  $Y = 10000$  for  $x = 0$

$$f(x) = 10000\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^x$$



11. A colony of bacteria began with 80. The population grows at a rate of 30% every 20 minutes. How many will there be in 4 hours?

$$f(x) = 80(1 + 0.30)^x = 80(1.3)^x \quad 4 \text{ hours} = 240 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\frac{240 \text{ min}}{20 \text{ min}} = 12 \quad 20 \text{ min periods in 4 hours}$$

$$f(12) = 80(1.3)^{12} \approx 1,863.85 \text{ or } 1,864 \text{ bacteria}$$

12. You invest \$2,000 in a simple interest bearing savings account for 18 years. The annual interest rate is 5%. What is the future value of your investment in 18 years?

$$f(x) = 2000(1 + .05)^x \quad x = \text{years}$$

$$f(18) = 2000(1.05)^{18} \approx 4,813.24$$

13. A table of values for an exponential function is shown. Fill in all the missing x-values and corresponding y-values.

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Y	$\frac{125}{4}$	25	20	16	$\frac{64}{5}$	$\frac{256}{5}$	$\frac{1024}{5}$

challenging  
but  
doable

$$f(x) = a(b)^x$$

$$25 = a(b)^1$$

$$\frac{25}{b} = a$$

$$16 = a(b)^3$$

$$16 = \frac{25}{b}(b)^3$$

$$16 = 25b^2$$

$$\frac{16}{25} = b^2$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = b$$

go back to  $\frac{25}{b} = a$

$$\frac{25}{(\frac{4}{5})} = a$$

$$\frac{5}{4} \cdot 25 = a$$

$$\frac{125}{4} = a$$

$$f(x) = \frac{125}{4} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$$

14. A table of values for an exponential function is shown. Fill in all the missing x-values and corresponding y-values.

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Y	0.0005	0.005	0.05	0.5	5	50	500

looks like the base might be 10

$$f(x) = 0.0005(10)^x$$

15. You arrive on an island and find 1,215 pairs of bunnies. Four months ago, there were 15 pairs of bunnies. How fast are the bunnies reproducing?

(0, 15)    (1, 45)    (2, 135)    (3, 405)    (4, 1215)  
4 months    3 months    2 months    1 month    arrival

Try  $b = 2$      $15 \cdot 2 = 30$      $30 \cdot 2 = 60$      $60 \cdot 2 = 120$      $120 \cdot 2 = 240$

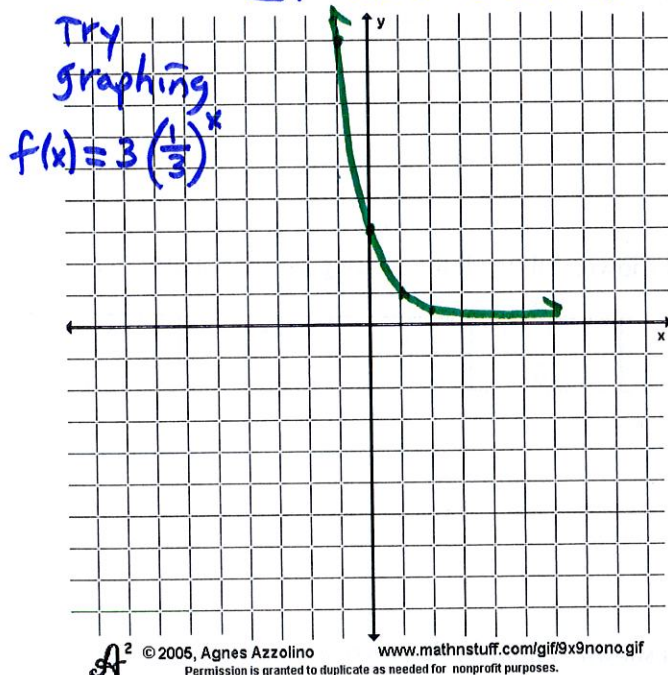
Try  $b = 3$      $15 \cdot 3 = 45$      $45 \cdot 3 = 135$      $135 \cdot 3 = 405$      $405 \cdot 3 = 1,215$

The bunnies are reproducing by a multiple of 3, i.e.  
The number of bunny pairs triples every month.

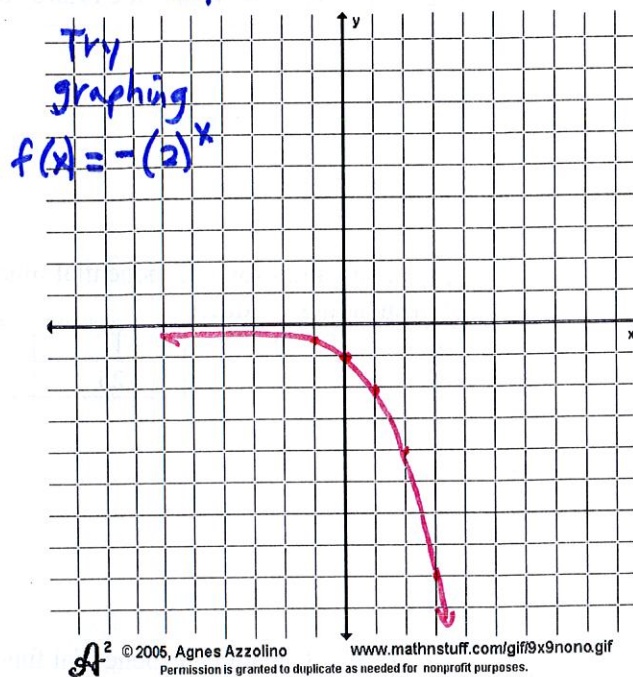
16. Match the graph with the information given.

- I.  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , where  $a > 0$  &  $b > 1$
- II.  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , where  $a < 0$  &  $b > 1$
- III.  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , where  $a > 0$  &  $0 < b < 1$
- IV.  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , where  $a < 0$  &  $0 < b < 1$

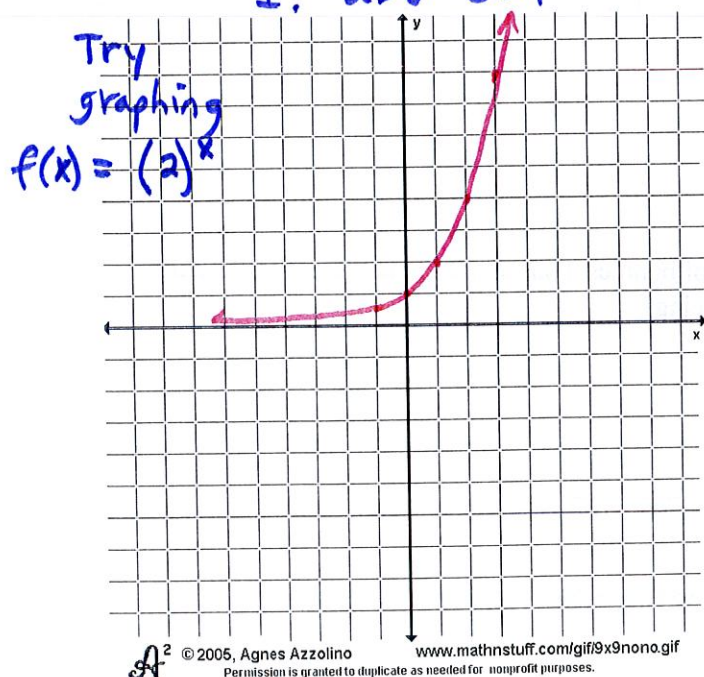
A. II.  $a > 0$   $0 < b < 1$



B. II.  $a < 0$   $b > 1$



B. I.  $a > 0$   $b > 1$



D. IV.  $a < 0$   $0 < b < 1$

